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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on July 15, 2002 and September 25, 2003, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection (in English and Japanese) from the Japanese Patent Office that was mailed on April 27, 2004, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-351914, in which the Japanese Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

ASAKAWA, S., "New Business Style Generated by Sametime," Lotus Notesmagazine, Japan, SOFTBANK Publishing Inc., No. 32, p. 45-56, June, 1999;

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SHIBATA, J., "Attain New Utility! The Third Let's Chat with Network," NIKKEI MAC, Japan, Nikkei Business Publications, Inc., Vol. 8, No. 5, p. 164-169, April, 2000;

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted are attached and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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